

TOWN OF ABINGDON
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 7, 2010 - 5:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Architectural Review was held Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Taylor called the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman
Mr. Jason Berry
Mrs. Doris Shuman
Mr. Byrum Geisler

Comprising a quorum of the Board

Members Absent: Mr. Peyton Boyd

Administrative Staff: Mr. W. Garrett Jackson, Director of Planning/Zoning
Mr. Sean Taylor, Assistant Director Planning/Zoning
Mrs. Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Visitors: Mr. Harry R. Cuskey

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 2, 2010

Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting, June 2, 2010. Mr. Geisler seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(3) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Abingdon United Methodist Church, Lois H. Humphreys, Representative, 101 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to replace existing sign located at 101 East Main Street. Tax Map No. 12 (1) 88. (Tabled from the June 2, 2010 meeting).**

This request is for a proposed sign to be located at the Abingdon United Methodist Church located at 101 East Main Street. The application presented at the June 2, 2010 meeting was tabled for further details from the applicant.

The size of the proposed sign is 4 ft. x 6 ft. (the same dimensions as current sign) having white background, black border and lettering, with aluminum frame resembling wood, dark brown and black in color.

After discussion among members at the June 2, 2010 meeting, the Board revealed that the new sign, like the current sign, do not meet the size requirements of the Design Review Guidelines. The Guidelines also state that signs within the Historic District Cannot be internally lit. It was the

consensus of the Board members that they would like to see a historic image of the original sign, if possible, so as to better attain what was originally on the property.

Mr. Cuskey, the applicant’s representative, submitted new information regarding the proposed sign, explaining that the proposed sign will not be as tall or as wide as the existing sign. The sign will be encased with an aluminum frame, with a wood grain look. He stated that the size will be 4 ft. x 6 ft., and the sign will be lighted from the ground (no internal lighting).

After further discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion to approve the requested sign, subject to the sign be no more than 6 feet in height, 4 feet in width, no than 12 inches in thickness and that the frame be a black matte aluminum. Mr. Berry seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (4) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS - Robert M. Howard, 122 West Valley Street, Abingdon, VA 24210, Owner/Representative**, application for Certificate of Appropriateness, requesting approval to replace existing garage door in structure located at 122 West Valley Street, with a 9-window steel door, and to install a hardi-plank type material in remaining space of existing garage door to be removed. **Tax Map No.12 (1) 55.**

This is a request for approval to replace existing garage door in structure located at 122 West Valley Street, with a 9-window steel door and to install a hardi-plank type material, in remaining space of existing garage door to be removed. The replacement door and hardi-plank type material will be painted white to match trim of existing structure.

After discussion, Mr. Geisler made a motion to approve this application. Mrs. Shuman seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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- (5) **DISCUSSION - Revisions of Guidelines**

A discussion of the revisions of the Guidelines continued. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, August 4 at 5:00 P.M. when further discussion of the revisions of the Guidelines will continue.

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There being no further business, motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. Charles M. Owens, Chairman

W. Garrett Jackson, Secretary